

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite
Chief of Engineers and Commanding General
United States Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20314

Dear Lieutenant General Semonite:

Thank you for the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) commitment to ensuring public safety while providing technical expertise and assistance during this time of high water levels around the Great Lakes.

With water levels in the Great Lakes at historic highs, residents across the state are facing imminent threats to property, infrastructure, and shorelines due to the resulting erosion. Many of our constituents are in critical need of installing shoreline protection projects to safeguard their homes and families.

As you are aware, permits are required from both the State of Michigan and the USACE prior to the placement of any shore protection mechanisms.

Recently, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) announced that they will be expediting permits for shoreline protections to homes or structures that are in danger. This is an important step to ensuring that property owners can navigate the permitting process more effectively and efficiently during this time.

As representatives of the Great Lakes State, we strongly request the USACE to proceed with all possible urgency as the Corps evaluates and reviews shore protection permits. Our communities are facing an imminent threat and we must all work together to provide expedited solutions.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this request.

Sincerely,



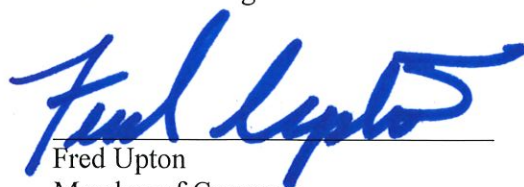
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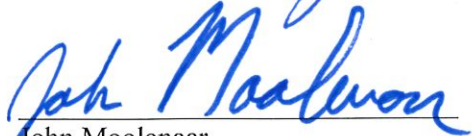



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